

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (18)

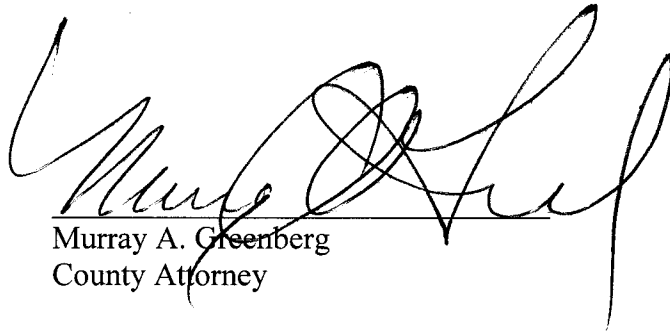
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 25, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the U.S.
Government to Convince the
U.N. Security Council to
Urgently Deploy a Strong
U.N. Mission to Darfur

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Murray A. Greenberg", is written over the printed name of the County Attorney.

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

01-25-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO
ASSERT NECESSARY LEADERSHIP AND CONVINCE THE
U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO URGENTLY DEPLOY A
STRONG U.N. MISSION TO DARFUR TO ENSURE
EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION
IN DARFUR

WHEREAS, in the Darfur region of the Sudan over 400,000 people have died since 2003 as the result of pro-government Janjawid militias that have attempted to destroy, in whole or in part, three African ethnic communities (the Fur, Zaghawa, and Massaleit); and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated 3.5 million people in the western Darfur region of Sudan trying to survive the Sudanese government-sponsored campaign of violence and forced starvation; and

WHEREAS, the United States government acknowledged on September 9, 2004, that "genocide has been committed in Darfur, and that the government of Sudan and the Janjawid bear responsibility"; and

WHEREAS, violence in Darfur has escalated recently and it has been predicted that the death-rate could rise as high as 100,000 per month if security collapses; and

WHEREAS, violence has now spilled into the neighboring country of Chad; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution authorizing a peacekeeping force to be sent to Darfur; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a clear moral and legal obligation to prevent genocide, such as that occurring in Darfur,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board urges the U.S. government to provide necessary leadership and financial support to ensure the viability of the UN peacekeeping operation in this region and continue to support the African Union peacekeepers already there to ensure effective protection of the civilian population.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of January, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

